

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I wrote this letter for a newspaper article that was about BioSolids. But my friends said that I should send you a copy of it. Hope you can be of Help.

Sincerely,

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My Name is Heather Mitchell. I'm 13 years old and I'm writing this letter regarding the BioSolids Land Application and how I feel about it.

I feel that the BioSolids Land application really STINKS! I don't quite know who wants to spread the BioSolids, but I really don't think they should have the permission to spread the BioSolids just because they think we're the low man on the totem-pole and therefore we don't COUNT! Well they're WRONG...We may be the low man but we still COUNT, just like all the other people of this world.

Answer this question for me, do the people of the Antelope Valley pay their taxes? YES they do, so why don't the people involved in the BioSolids just use this tax money to burn the BioSolids? Wouldn't that be easier and maybe safer than loading gallons and gallons of human waste (or what you refer to as BioSolids) into billions of trucks and driving 1 hour to the Antelope Valley (from Los Angeles) and dumping it all on the farmlands of the Antelope Valley. Also, one of the worst problems the Antelope Valley has is WIND! So if they spread the BioSolids our famous wind is going to blow the stuff all the way to Victorville and it will be in peoples homes, they'll be breathing it, it will be on our food and will be the dirt we must clean off our tables at dinner time. How would you like to clean human waste off your sink and floor EVERYDAY! Or maybe you could imagine your baby crawling through it, YUCK!

Another real issue I have is all the diseases and illnesses that will affect the people of the Antelope Valley. I know this very nice person who got around some of this BioSolid stuff and got so sick that he thought he was going to die. Imagine that that the BioSolids affect 1/3 of the Antelope Valley's people, and ask yourself, if only one CHILD DIES because of this stuff, isn't that TOO MANY?

I THINK THIS WHOLE IDEA IS JUST WRONG....DON'T YOU...?

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## **Responses to Comments from Heather Mitchell**

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- 51-1. Biosolids are applied to land in many areas of California because the material has nutrients that landowners want to add to their soil. The proposed GO provides rules for people who want to apply biosolids to their land, to ensure that the land and the people in the surrounding area are protected.
- 51-2. “Burning,” as stated by the commenter, or the incineration of biosolids, is another means of disposing of biosolids; however, it does not provide a soil amendment. Incineration of biosolids is evaluated as an alternative to the proposed project in the draft EIR. Additionally, biosolids would be applied to land only when the landowner agrees and when the conditions established by the proposed GO have been met.
- 51-3. The proposed GO contains provisions to prevent excessive dust formation from agricultural areas where biosolids is being applied. Aerosol or dust formation should not pose a threat to public health if the material applied meets the applicable Part 503 regulations. Incorporation into the soil is the most suitable management technique; this should help improve soil conditions so that aerosols or dust are less likely to become windblown due to the enhancement of soil moisture retention that biosolids provides. Also see Master Response 9.
- 51-4. This concern is noted. Documentation of any biosolids-related illnesses has not been reported in present disease reporting systems. Without such documentation, it is hard to speculate and assess the risks of illness when there is no basis to begin to compare biosolids as a source of infection with the large number of other potential sources for most common bacterial and viral infections.